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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/497,518 filed February 4, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph 5, page 10 with the following paragraph:

~~FIG. 5 is schematic representation~~ FIG. 5(A) - FIG. 5(C) showing a conversion table used in the first embodiment;

Please replace paragraph 8, page 10 with the following paragraph:

~~FIG. 8 is an illustration~~ FIG. 8(A) - FIG. 8(C) showing index-type conversion tables according to a second embodiment of the present invention;

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